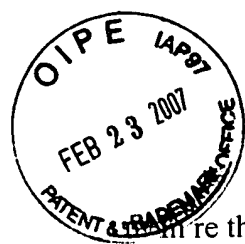


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Group Art Unit: 1745
Application No.: 10/716,396
Examiner: Melissa THOMPSON
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Sir:

Supplemental to the Response to the Election/Restriction Requirement filed December 11, 2006 in the above-identified application (wherein the Applicant elected Group I, claims 1-9), the Applicant hereby further elects, with traverse, "Species 1: a metal thin film" having claims 1-4 and 6-9 readable thereon, and "Species for the metal Ti," for further prosecution in the application.

Applicants also request reconsideration of this election/restriction requirement. MPEP section 803 provides that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." Accordingly, the Applicants submit that all of the metals in claims 7 and 8 can be examined without undue burden.

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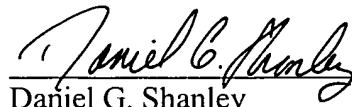
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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4420 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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